

State of Delaware Child Protection Accountability Commission Legislative Committee

FRIDAY, November 3, 2016

In Attendance:

Tania Culley, Esq. (Chair)
Addie Asay, Esq.
Jennifer Donahue, Esq.
The Hon. Joelle Hitch
Josette Manning, Esq.

Maureen Monagle
LaKresha Roberts, Esq.
Janice Tigani, Esq.
Ellie Torres, Esq.
Meredith Seitz
Steve Yeatman

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Tania Culley, Chair, welcomed everyone and attendees introduced themselves.

II. REPORTS FROM AGENCIES OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

The following concepts/draft bills were discussed by the various agencies: substance exposed infants; liability for foster parents; background checks; changes to termination and adoption statutes; updates to dependency and neglect statutes; package of criminal child abuse bills.

III. PROPOSED DRAFT LEGISLATION

The Chair reviewed a list of potential bills coming from the various CPAC committees as well as from OCA. The Committee asked that as the bills are closer to being finalized, they be circulated to the group for review within agencies even if not yet approved by the other committee.

IV. DRAFT JOINT ACTION PLAN LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REQUESTS

The Committee reviewed the CPAC/CDRC draft Joint Action Plan. The Committee agreed to have OCA research the birth match proposal for further discussion and review. The Committee seeks guidance from CPAC regarding the funding priorities. The Committee will await response from the DOJ as to which bills it will take the lead on with CPAC support versus which it would prefer CPAC champion. Jen Donahue and Josette Manning will work together on this.

V. NEXT MEETING DATE – DECEMBER 12, 2016, 2:00 PM

All meetings will take place from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. in both Wilmington and Georgetown.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT AND ADJOURNMENT

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There being no public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30.